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To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to make permanent the Climate Security Advisory Council of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CROW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Climate Security Intel-

5 ligence Act of 2022”.

1 SEC. 2. CLIMATE SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL AND CLI-

2 MATE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE CENTER.

3 (a) REPEAL OF SUNSET OF CLIMATE SECURITY AD-
4 VISORY COUNCIL.—Section 120 of the National Security
5 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3060) is amended by striking the
6 first subsection (e).

(b) PLAN FOR CLIMATE SECURITY INTELLIGENCE CENTER.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the chair of the Climate Security Advisory Council established under section 120 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3060) shall submit to the congressional intelligence committees a written plan to permanently establish within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence a Climate Security Intelligence Center (to be headed by a Director appointed by the Director of National Intelligence) to fulfill each of the duties described in subsection (c). Such plan shall include the following:

1 rying out its duties and responsibilities that relate
2 to—

3 (A) the scope of the mission, responsibilities,
4 and functions of the Center, and its relationship
5 with the elements of the intelligence
6 community;

7 (B) the composition and staffing of the
8 Center with personnel from elements of the intelligence
9 community and from departments
10 and agencies of the United States Government
11 that are not elements of the intelligence com-
12 munity, including through the detail to the Cen-
13 ter of personnel who have the appropriate secu-
14 rity clearances from such departments and
15 agencies;

16 (C) the types of data, information, com-
17 puter modeling, scientific and technical re-
18 sources, and any other resources necessary for
19 the Center to fulfill its duties;

20 (D) the requisite scientific and technical
21 education, training, skills, and expertise nec-
22 essary for personnel of the Center to conduct
23 their work; and

24 (E) approaches and best practices with re-
25 spect to data-sharing, information exchanges,

1 and other types of collaboration, at the appropriate
2 level of classification, on matters relating
3 to climate security and environmental science
4 between the Center and—

5 (i) elements of the intelligence community;

7 (ii) departments and agencies of the United States Government that are not elements of the intelligence community;
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9 and

11 (iii) other key stakeholders in the scientific enterprise of the United States, including institutions of higher education, Federal research laboratories (including the national security laboratories), private industry, and nonprofit research organizations.

18 (2) A proposed process for transferring from the Climate Security Advisory Council to the Center recommended functions and duties currently carried out by the Council, including a timeline for the transfer and a statement on the feasibility of establishing the Center and completing the transfer not more than 1 year after the submission of the plan.

1 (3) A request for any additional resources, fa-
2 cilities, personnel, or authorities that the Climate
3 Security Advisory Council determines necessary to
4 ensure that, upon establishment, the Center and its
5 Director may fulfil the duties described in subsection
6 (c).

7 (c) DUTIES.—The duties described in this subsection
8 are the following:

9 (1) To serve as the primary organization within
10 the intelligence community for—

11 (A) addressing the climate security intel-
12 ligence needs and priorities of policymakers, in-
13 cluding information and intelligence sharing at
14 the appropriate level of classification;

15 (B) analyzing climate security risks and
16 the climate influence of the United States;

17 (C) identifying and disseminating climate
18 intelligence indications and warnings;

19 (D) conducting strategic forecasting for
20 climate security opportunities and risks in fu-
21 ture;

22 (E) identifying relevant climate security
23 collection gaps, and driving collection to fill
24 such gaps; and

(F) collaborating with appropriate counterparts throughout the intelligence community to ensure appropriate integration of climate security analysis into existing lines of analysis undertaken by the intelligence community.

(2) To identify, disseminate, and maintain best practices in the analysis of climate security, and the provision of climate intelligence indications and warnings, including—

(A) identifying publicly available information and clandestinely collected intelligence that enables such analysis and indications and warnings; and

(B) the use of advanced computer modeling, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and similar techniques that enables such analysis and indications and warnings.

(3) To assess and identify best practices with respect to prior efforts of the intelligence community to analyze climate security, specifically with respect to—

(A) the Measurements of Earth Data for Environmental Analysis program of the Central Intelligence Agency;

4 (C) any climate security-related activities
5 of the Director of National Intelligence or the
6 intelligence community that predate the estab-
7 lishment of the Climate Security Advisory
8 Council.

13 (5) To consult, as appropriate, with other ele-
14 ments of the intelligence community and depart-
15 ments and agencies of the United States Govern-
16 ment that are not elements of the intelligence com-
17 munity to avoid duplication of existing efforts.

18 (6) To carry out any functions transferred pur-
19 suant to the process proposed in subsection (b)(2).

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) CLIMATE SECURITY.—The term “climate
24 security” means the effects of climate change on the
25 following:

(B) Infrastructure that enhances the national security of the United States, including—

(C) Subnational, national, regional, and global politics, governance, and political stability.

18 (D) The security of allies and partners of
19 the United States.

(E) Ongoing or potential political violence, including unrest, rioting, guerrilla warfare, insurgency, terrorism, rebellion, revolution, civil war, and interstate war.

(2) CLIMATE INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES.—The term “climate influence of the United

1 States” means the global influence and leadership of
2 the United States with respect to the climate policies
3 of other countries, international organizations, and
4 transnational groups.

5 (3) CLIMATE INTELLIGENCE INDICATIONS AND
6 WARNINGS.—The term “climate intelligence indica-
7 tions and warnings” means climate security develop-
8 ments with the potential to—

9 (A) imminently and substantially alter the
10 political stability or degree of human security in
11 a state or region; or

12 (B) threaten the United States, the mili-
13 tary, political, or economic interests of allies or
14 coalition partners of the United States, or citi-
15 zens of the United States abroad.

16 (4) CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMIT-
17 TEES.—The term “congressional intelligence com-
18 mittees” has the meaning given such term in section
19 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C.
20 3003).

21 (5) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—The term
22 “intelligence community” has the meaning given
23 such term in section 3 of the National Security Act
24 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

